



MINUTES

FEDERALISM COMMISSION

Friday, May 22, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, Chair
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Brian S. King

Members Absent:

Rep. Tim Quinn

Staff Present:

Samantha D. Brucker, Policy Analyst
Kurt P. Gasser, Associate General Counsel
Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel
Cherish Cosman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order.

1 . Committee Business

Rep. Carl Albrecht offered the opening prayer.

Sen. David Hinkins lead the commission in the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-7

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. B. King
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. T. Quinn

2 . Demonstration of Valuation of Federal Lands Tool

Chair Stratton provided background information leading to the creation of the federal lands valuation tool.

Rep. Brian King discussed further background information to the public lands issue and Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) policy.

Ryan Freeman, Director, Geomancer, reported highlights of the organization's effort and the process in the creation of the federal lands valuation tool and responded to questions.

[2.1 Federal Land Valuation Model Letter and Executive Summary](#)

Chair Stratton responded to questions and commission discussion continued.

Ken Ivory, Geomancer, presented an overview and demonstrated the use of the federal land valuation tool and responded to questions.

[2.2 Federal Land Valuation Model Presentation](#)

President Stuart Adams spoke in favor of using and further circulating the tool and commission discussion continued.

Congressman Rob Bishop, U.S. House of Representatives, Utah Delegation, discussed the challenges of land transfers and spoke in favor of the valuation tool.

Carolyn Phippin, Area Director and Intergovernmental Affairs Advisor, Senator Mike Lee's Office, spoke in favor of the land valuation tool and discussed further work on PILT issues.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve payment of the \$300,000 to Geomancer in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Rep. Kay Christofferson spoke to the motion and commission discussion followed.

Rep. Christofferson's vote was added retrospectively to the commission vote on the motion to approve the payment to Geomancer. passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. B. King
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. T. Quinn

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to authorize the commission chairs to approve quarterly payments to Geomancer on behalf of the commission without any further action from the commission and the chairs to report to the commission regarding those further actions. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

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Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. T. Quinn

3 . Update on Federalism Index

Andrew Bibby, Associate Director, Center for Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University, introduced the topic and fellow presenters.

Rodney Smith, Director, Center for Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University, offered an overview of the Center for Constitutional Studies, federalism, and further circulation of the Federalism Index.

Scott Paul, Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University, discussed involvement in and creation of constitutional literacy programs.

Andrew Bibby presented an update on progress, achievements, and further objectives in the Federalism Index project and responded to questions.

[3.1 Federalism Index Spring 2020 Report](#)

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the payment of the invoices from UVU in the amount of \$31,791 and \$13,863 for work on the Federalism Index project. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

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Sen. L. Fillmore
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Rep. B. King
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. K. Stratton
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. T. Quinn

4 . Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-8

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Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. T. Quinn

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting.